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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:	)	
KENNETH D. McKIBBEN, et al.	)	Confirmation No. 3160
	)	
Serial No. 10/749,113	)	Group Art Unit: 1725
	)	
Filed: December 30, 2003	)	
	)	Attorney Docket 1-24732
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS	)	
FOR VENTING A GAS IN A	)	
LINED PRESSURE FURNACE	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the period of time in which to respond to the Notice of Incomplete Reply pursuant to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated April 29, 2004, be extended one month, up to and including July 29, 2004, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) in the amount of \$110.00, and to charge any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 08-1393. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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